pensive or difficult to provide and there is reasonable time for doing so.

Conversion of Manual Telephone Exchanges into Electronic Exchanges in Maharashtra

*232. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the manual telephone exchanges into electronic exchanges in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Out of 207 total manual telephone exchanges, 31 are planned for replacement by Electronic Exchanges during 1991-92.

(i) One Electromechanical telephone exchange is already under installation at Parli Vaijanath.

(ii) The remaining 175 Manual Telephone exchanges have been planned for replacement by Electronic Exchanges progressively during 1992—95.

पंजाबी विश्वविद्यालय पटियाला में छापे

*233. श्री राम सरेश यादव : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पंजाबी विश्वविद्यालय, पटियाला में गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान पुलिस ने कितने छापे मारे और उनके फलस्वरूप कितने लोगों को गिरफ्तार किया गया;

(ख) गत दो वर्षों में आतंकवादियों द्वारा कितने लोगों की हत्या की गई तथा विरोधस्वरूप विश्वविद्यालय कितनी बार बन्द किया गया; और

(ग) आतंकवाद से निपटने के लिए पुलिस को उक्त विश्वविद्यालय के उपकुलपति से किस सीमा तक सहयोग प्राप्त हुआ ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण) : (क) पंजाब सरकार से प्राप्त सूचना के अनुसार संबद्ध अवधि के दौरान 30 छापे मारे गए और 25 व्यक्तियों को गिरफ्तार किया गया।

(ख) 1-9-89 तथा 31-8-91 के दौरान जिला पटियाला में 172 व्यक्ति मारे गए और दस अवसरों पर विश्वविद्यालय बन्द रहा।

(ग) आवश्यक कारेवाई करने के लिए पुलिस ने समय-समय पर विश्वविद्यालय में प्रवेश किया।

Dialogue with Soviet Leaders

*234. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold dialogue at political level with leadership of the Soviet Union if so, by when it is proposed to be done;

(b) whether Government also propose to renew its invitation to the Soviet Foreign Minister to visit India and when the visit is likely to take place; and

(c) what are the immediate problems between the two countries that are likely to be discussed and sorted out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The tradition of regular political dialogue between India and USSR is well established. Recently Prime Minister and President Gorbachev exchanged messages. Details of further contacts at political level will be decided upon through normal diplomatic channels.

(c) The constitutional changes envisaged in the decisions recently approved by the Congress of People's